

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

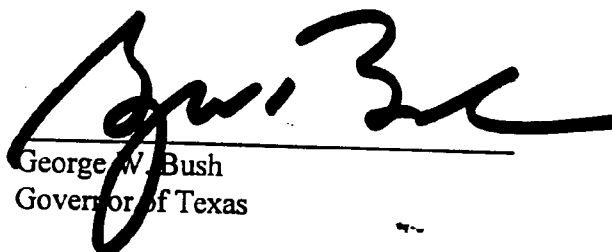
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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto House Bill No. 99 because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 99 creates a hidden tax on utility bills, and specifically prohibits the tax from being disclosed on consumers' bills. The goal of establishing a state fund for emergency disaster relief is a good one, but should not be funded with a hidden tax on Texans' utility bills.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1997.



George W. Bush  
Governor of Texas